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Sir,

troops to Nanking when called upon:
With reference to the report of yesterday's date regarding the departure of nine hundred soldiers for Nanking, it is now said that when the troops got the order to leave they grumbled a good deal because they thought they were being sent to Yunnan, and it was only after their officers had assured them that this was not the case and that they were really being sent to Nanking that they quietened down.

A high military officer named Woo Tsung Wo (何振華) arrived at the Arsenal on 23rd instant from Peking. He brought dispatches from the Central Government instructing General Yang to take special precautions against rebels who should be severely dealt with when caught. Woo, General Yang, Yang Tchong, Commissioner for foreign Affairs, and Li Tsung Nyoh (李宗仁) Director of the Arsenal Works had tiffin together at the Arsenal yesterday when they discussed measures for preserving the loyalty of the troops in Shanghai. The officer from the capital suggested that the troops be formed up, and the justice of Yuan's cause explained to them. He also thought it would be advisable to inform them of the real situation in Yunnan, as rebel agents would be likely to spread false rumours among them regarding rebel victories etc. After tiffin the officials went by launch to Woosung where they conferred with General Lu.

It is reported that General Aoki will leave Peking on 27th instant.

Yours Obedient Servant,

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Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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